Synthetic drugs in north-east

3509. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report captioned "Drug trade exploding, warn experts" in the Times of India dated 16th February, 2001, highlighting that synthetic drugs, which have already found their way in some parts of North-East India through neighbouring countries, would flood the country shortly and India would be a transit centre for the "Golden Triangle" and the "Golden Creascent" countries; and

(b) if so, the preventive steps taken against India becoming a transit point and the youth getting addicted to and involved in narcotics trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Steps taken by Government to deal with the problem of drug smuggling *inter alia* include intensified patrolling, provision of surveillance equipments including night vigil devices educating youths about evils of drugs, better coordination among security forces for exchange of information and sharing of intelligence/cooperation with neighbouring countries.

Cases against NRIs

3510. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Punjab and other States considerable number of NRI men are marrying and deserting women;

(b) how many cases have been filed against such NRI's under the Indian Penal Code; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information relating

to NRI men marrying and deserting women is not maintained at the level of Government of India.

Assistance to the members of Indian National Army

3511. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several members of the Indian National Army led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are in state of poverty;

(b) whether Government have evolved any special programme of assistance to these members;

(c) if so, what is the nature of the assistance; and

(d) if not, whether Government would evolve programme of assistance to these members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No such information is available.

(b) to (d) Eligible INA sufferers are treated at par with eligible freedom fighters under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme and are eligible to similar pension and facilities as are available to such freedom fighters.

STs working in police department in New Delhi

†3512. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees belonging to Scheduled Tribes working in different grades in police department in New Delhi alongwith the place of posting of each of them;

(b) whether the police officials belonging to Scheduled Tribes are discriminated in appointing them as District, Sub-Division and Police Station Incharge; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not appointing them as District, Sub-Division and Police Station Incharge?

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